(d) whether it is also a fact that ONGC is withdrawing its drilling and exploration activities from Tripura in the pretext that there is no takers for gas in the State; and

(e) what are the reasons that no drilling plan is taken up by the ONGC management to tap the oil prospects of Basail reservoirs in Tripura?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Allocations of 1.75 MMSCMD have already been made. The drawal of gas in 1993-94 was 0.28 MMSCMD.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) ONGC has planned to probe Barail prospects and has released four locations. One of these locations is likely to be taken up for drilling soon.

Damage in oil producing well, Golf Green-I

263. SHRI MD. SALIM:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the oil producing well Golf Green-I is so severely damaged that no profitable production can be taken from that well;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that substitute well is not being taken up for drilling to tap the Eocene oil pool; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the well Golf Green-I has landed up into 200 per cent time and cost overrun due to erroneous decisions and policies of the management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No erroneous decisions were taken and the time and cost overrun in well Golf Green-I were because of technical requirements due to complications in the well.

Raid in Houses of Railway Officers

264. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Miniser of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the houses of Railway Officers were raided recently; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Raids were mainly on account of complaints of demand of bribe, possession of disproportionate assets and misuse of railway labour.

Konkan Railway

265. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made with regard to the setting up of Konkan railway as on 15th July, 1994;

(b) the work that has been completed so far from region to region; and

(c) what is the quantum of work to be completed in Goa region?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) 69 per cent.

(b) Roha—Veer section (48 KMs) from Roha end and Mangalore—Udipi section (68 KMs) from Mangalore

end have been opened to passenger traffic. On the rest of the section, work is being rapidly progressed on tunnels, bridges, formation and collection of ballast and P.Way materials.

Survey for new railway lines in Karnataka

266. SRRI JANARDHANA POOJARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey for new Railway lines has been conducted in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) (i) Updating of earlier survey for a new broad gauge line between Kottur and Harihar via Harapanahally—length 65 Kms. has been completed.

(ii) Survey for a new broad gauge line between Kadur-Chickmagalur and Sakleshpur via Belur—length 99 km is under progress.

Completion of railway lines in Karnataka

267. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of new railway lines which have been completed in Karnataka as on 15th July, 1994;

(b) what is the kilometer of railway track which has been converted from metre gauge to broad gauge so far; and

(c) the time by when all the metre gauge will be complete to Broad gauge in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) During the 8th Five Year Plan construction of new Broad gauge line between Chitradurg and Rayadurg (100 kms.) and 662 kms. of gauge conversion has been completed.

(c) It is not proposed to convert all Metre gauge to Broad gauge.

मंधार हिल रेल लाइन का दुमका तक विस्तार करना

268. श्री जनार्दन यादव : : क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बिहार में मन्दार हिल रेल लाइन का दुमका तक विस्तार करने के प्रस्ताव को स्वीकृति मिल गई है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि योजना आयोग ने उक्त रेल लाइन के विस्तार हेतु 110 करोड़ रुपए की धनराशि स्वीकृत की है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो यह कार्य कब तक आरंभ कर दिया जाएगा ; और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं ?

रेल मंत्री (श्री सी.के जाफर शरीफ): (क) से (ग) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) प्रस्ताव योजना आयोग को भेजा गया था, अभी उनकी स्वीकृति प्राप्त नहीं हुई है ।